

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims, as follows:

18. (Three Times Amended) A patch bag, comprising:

(A) a lay-flat bag having an open top, a bottom seal, a first lay-flat side, a second lay-flat side, a seamless first side edge, and a seamless second side edge;

(B) a patch covering:

(i) across an entirety of a width of the first lay-flat side of the bag;

(ii) a portion of the seamless first side edge; and

(iii) a portion of the seamless second side edge; and

(C) a backseamed seal in the second lay-flat side of the bag, the backseamed seal running the length of the bag, wherein the bag comprises a first film and the patch comprises a second film, and the backseamed seal is through the first film but not through the second film and the patch does not extend to the backseamed seal;

wherein the patch does not cover the bottom of the bag, the patch does not extend to the bottom seal, and the bottom seal is through the bag and not through the patch.

28. (Once Amended) The patch bag according to Claim 18, wherein the bag comprises a first film and the patch comprises a second film, and wherein [the bottom seal is through the first film but not through the second film, and] the backseamed seal is through the first film but not through the second film.

REMARKS

I. The Pending Claims, the Amendments to the Claims, and the Objections to the Claims

Applicants note that with the entry of the above amendments, Claims 1-7, 18, 20, and 22-35 are pending (of which only Claims 1, 18, and 20 are independent claims), each of these claims being directed to a patch bag. Claims 8-17, 19, and 21 have been withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention.